

The opposition mainly focused on only budgeting \$2.5 million for Community Development while allocating \$10 million to create a gateway entrance to the Urban Wilderness at the end of James White Parkway.

Perez asked if each item would come back before the council for approval. Finance Director Jim York said that the city will issue \$55 million in new debt bonds next year to include funds for a new "Safety Center" for police and fire departments on Knoxville College property and \$9 million for renovations at the Civic Coliseum and Auditorium.

Mayor Madeline Rogero said the funding won't all be spent in the coming year and the approval allows the city to get started on those projects.

"That's a great deal of money. I just wanted to

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